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Dedication

To Mr. Jack Van Laar, a consecrated faculty member and congenial Choir director.

God has given His children talents
To dispose of as they will,
And the way in which they use them
Some design He will fulfill.

You were given the gifts of music,
Which was part of God's great plan;
And you've used them in His service
To enrich the life of man.

May God's blessing and His favor
Strengthen you from day to day,
As you labor for His Kingdom
In your own appointed way.

Reflecting Eternal Beauty

Through Nature God gives us a glimpse of the *eternal Beauty*. Through Art he gives to man the ability to create beautiful things. It is appropriate then that with Music, the Art in which we all can participate, we voice our praise and thanks for these gifts.

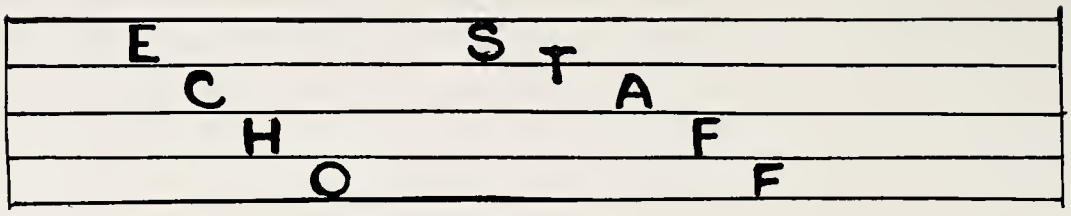
In order to give praise in music, the very best is demanded of us. This implies not only that we strive for perfection of performance, but also that we sing music of the highest artistic type that is understandable to us. This challenges us. These goals of perfection and understanding will always be with us in our lifetime.

Jack Van Laar

Prelude

At times it is pleasant to stop and reminisce. When one takes a tour of a historic or picturesque place, he finds wide places in the road where he may stop to capture the scene more completely. Life also has its quiet parking spots of reflection. Will you share a few of these beauty-spots with us?

As the clear blue mountain pool adds quiet beauty to the peaceful landscape, reflecting its majestic grandeur, so we have seen the beauty of Christ reflected in the life and activities of our school. The rushing cataracts of sickness, operations, accidents, and death have touched some of our students and their families, but through it all we could see our Father's hand guiding the course of the waterfall. And as the beams of a multi-colored sunset touch every corner of the sky, so we have experienced the omnipresence of our Triune God surrounding us at all times. It is our prayer that you too may catch a glimpse of His Beauty and Love as you turn the pages of this year's Echo.



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The Passion for Perfection

Michael Angelo (1475-1564) was one of the greatest genii of history — a famous painter, sculptor, architect, and poet. One of his patrons was a prince who ordered a marble bust of himself. The work proceeded slowly. After making a number of weekly visits to the sculptor's studio, the prince expressed dissatisfaction with the almost imperceptible progress that was being made. He asked what had been done since his last visit. The artist pointed to certain new lines and refinements, but the prince exclaimed they were but trifles. Michael Angelo replied: "*Trifles make perfection, but perfection is no trifle.*" His passion for perfection made him the great sculptor he was known to be.

This is the passion we advise you graduates to cultivate. The reason is not that it may bring you fame, but rather that it is pleasing to God and the way to greatest usefulness in the Kingdom of God.

Our Lord said to his disciples: "Ye therefore shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). Paul exclaims: "Not that I have already obtained, or am already made perfect: but I press on, if so be that I may lay hold on that for which also I was laid hold on by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:12).

Jesus knew and Paul knew that perfection is beyond our reach in this life. We know it too. The more earnestly we strive for it, the more clearly we shall realize our imperfections. But God wants us to strive for what is far beyond the possibility of attainment knowing that the higher we aim the higher the mark which we reach. Besides, because he is God he has the right to require that we shall aspire to that high degree of excellence for which he made man in his own image.

We should cultivate the passion for perfection first of all with reference to our personal life as Christians. What we *are* will always be even more important in the eyes of God, and even of those with whom we live and labor, than what we *do* as our life's task. Men will remember our example longer than our words of instruction, exhortation, or consolation. Our first duty in life is to strive ceaselessly to become better Christians. We shall make indifferent headway in this unless we aim at nothing less than perfection. We know we shall fall far short of the ideal but the more earnestly we strive to reach that goal the closer we shall approach it. "Aim for the mountain-tops and you will reach the tree-tops."

Michael Angelo's saying is a worthy motto in our daily work as well as in our spiritual life. Whatever is worth doing is worth doing well, according to a familiar adage. From God's point of view there are no trifles in any one's life or work. For whatsoever we do, says Paul, let us do it all to the glory of God. Anything that can glorify God cannot be insignificant.

In God's marvelous work of creation there are no trivial, unimportant things. He made all things, even the very smallest, in accordance with the standard of absolute perfection. "And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good." Let us strive to be imitators of God by doing all our work to the very best of our ability, remembering that "trifles makes perfection and that perfection is no trifle."

It's the finishing touches that make a thing beautiful, whether it be a poem, a letter, a lesson, or only the sewing of a button on a garment.

There are loud complaints nowadays about slovenly work in factories, offices, and other places of employment. There is little pride of workmanship in this age of mass production. Employers complain bitterly sometimes about the poor letters which clerks often write, the careless way they file documents, or their inaccuracy in keeping track of figures or reading proofs.

Are these routine matters important? Of course. Life is made up to a very large extent of little things. If we do not try to do them well, little of what we do will be well done.

Michael Angelo is recognized as one of the most illustrious men in all history. But from God's point of view your life and mine may be just as fruitful as his. He was chiseling into cold marble his conception of the prince who was his patron. If we are Christians we are reproducing in our life and work the image — a living one — of the Lord Jesus Christ. We must have a passion for perfection if we would have Christ see in us a faint reflection of himself.

Let us remember the words of Paul: "but one thing I do . . . I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13a, 14). Remember also the motto: "Trifles make perfection, but perfection is no trifle."

Henry J. Kuiper
President of the Board

The Challenge

The Lord has commissioned, "Go forward!"
He challenges us to obey,
To publish the way of redemption
E'er the coming of night ends the day.
The harvest field waits for the reaping,
Yet, millions know not about Thee;
Lost souls are dying in darkness,
Send laborers, Lord, but not me.

Lord, I have very few talents,
Neither worthy to go am I,
My physical strength is deficient,
Call others, but please pass me by.
Lord, I am not a great speaker,
So Thy message I cannot expound,
Nor can I with beautiful music
Thy glory in praises resound.

Lord, I can work in Thy kingdom,
But here at home let me stay,
For Thee I can witness to others
Whom I contact from day to day.
There's much for me to do here, Lord,
I can pray, I can give, I can teach;
What more is expected of me, when
Already so many I reach?

But I could not elevate my will,
Nor frustrate the plan of the Lord;
Our God is Sovereign, thus our lives
With His will must be in accord.
Of no avail were excuses,
For now God's longsuffering I see,
He worked in my heart until finally
I said, "Lord, I'm ready, send me."

I shall never find deeper contentment
Nor satisfaction that can compare
With the joy of submission to Jesus
As in His great mission I share.

Wilma Vander Bie
Junior

"A SINGING FAITH"

" . . . I will give praise unto thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name." Romans 15:9

Dear Class of '55:

In harmony with your musical theme this year, I am praying that you may have a "singing faith". Not that every one of you becomes a singer or a musician, but that your faith and witness be a joyful one and therefore winning.

Let us not forget that the genus of true religion is joy in the Lord. God's people of old lived by prayer and praise. Israel's heritage was in terms of the Psalms and Christianity came to the world on the wings of song. From that memorable night when the angels celebrated the divine grace in Glory to God in the Highest, up to the present day, the faith of true believers has been a singing faith.

The Gospel itself is Music. How oft in our chapel exercises we have sung:

"Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life and health and peace."

You are the messengers of hope, of joy, of peace and reconciliation. You represent the true people of God. You cannot do this with a "cast down" look or a gloomy disposition. Cultivate a singing disposition. That will be contagious and winning. One can sing within without much of a voice or musical talent. One can have a singing heart. Many of our dear forefathers lived by the "psalm verses" in spite of a cracked voice and off-pitch singing. They knew these versifications of Scripture as well as the actual words of Scripture. They lived by this poetic truth and many died with the poetic *promises* of God on their lips. Theirs too was a singing faith.

When oppositions and depressions come; when health and strength fail, let not that song in the heart die out. Remember, yours is a "singing faith".

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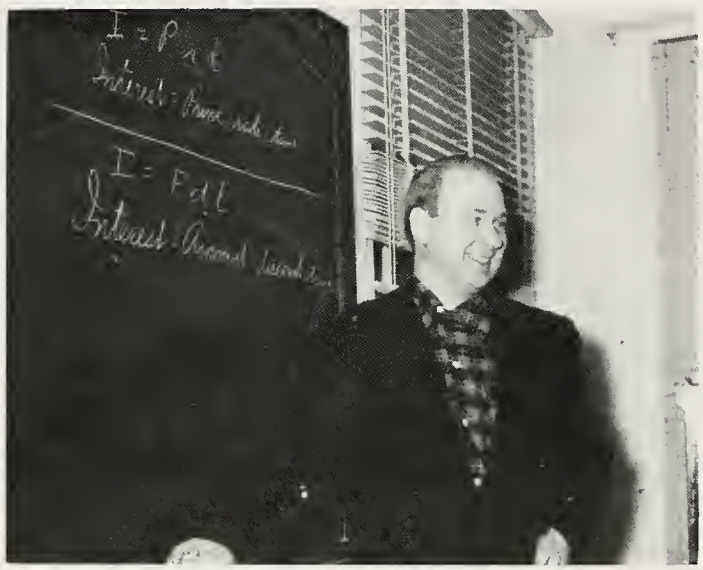

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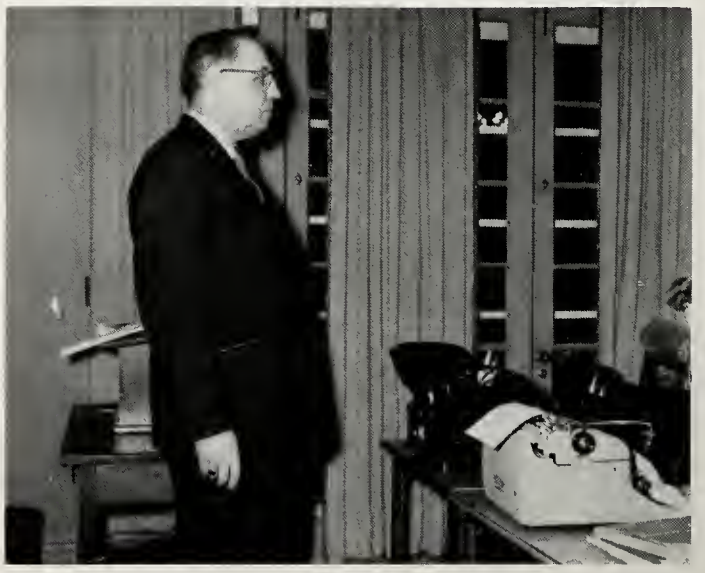

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DORMITORY COUNCIL

(L. to R.) Lena Bulthuis, Jo Ann Kuiper, Katie Brouwer, house mother Marian Wybenga, Nancy Chapel, Jennie Stryker, Ida Noordmans

"May we know what goes on at council meetings?" It can easily be asked because a dormitory council is new to all of us here.

We are so thankful for an increased enrollment and are happy to have more resident girls this winter than ever before; however, it became apparent that one housemother could not assume general management and also be as helpful to the individual as she desired. The situation was remedied when President Walters appointed six dormitorians with whom and through whom the housemother can work. The council meets once a week in the interest of the group. They seek to maintain and raise the spiritual emphasis in our dormitories; they suggest plans for social activities; they make suggestions which they feel will work toward happier, more harmonious relationships in our adopted home. Thus we seek to glorify God also in our dwelling together. We find it is ever as the Psalmist said, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Psalm 133:1.

"How good and pleasant is the sight
When brethren make it their delight
To dwell in blest accord;
The Lord commands His blessing there,
And they that walk in love shall share
In life that never ends."

KATIE BROUWER

Graduation, and then . . .

When attending a school, one naturally looks forward to graduation. This is especially true in one's senior year. Involuntarily, my thoughts wander back to the Netherlands, to a little event in the life of a grade-school graduate.

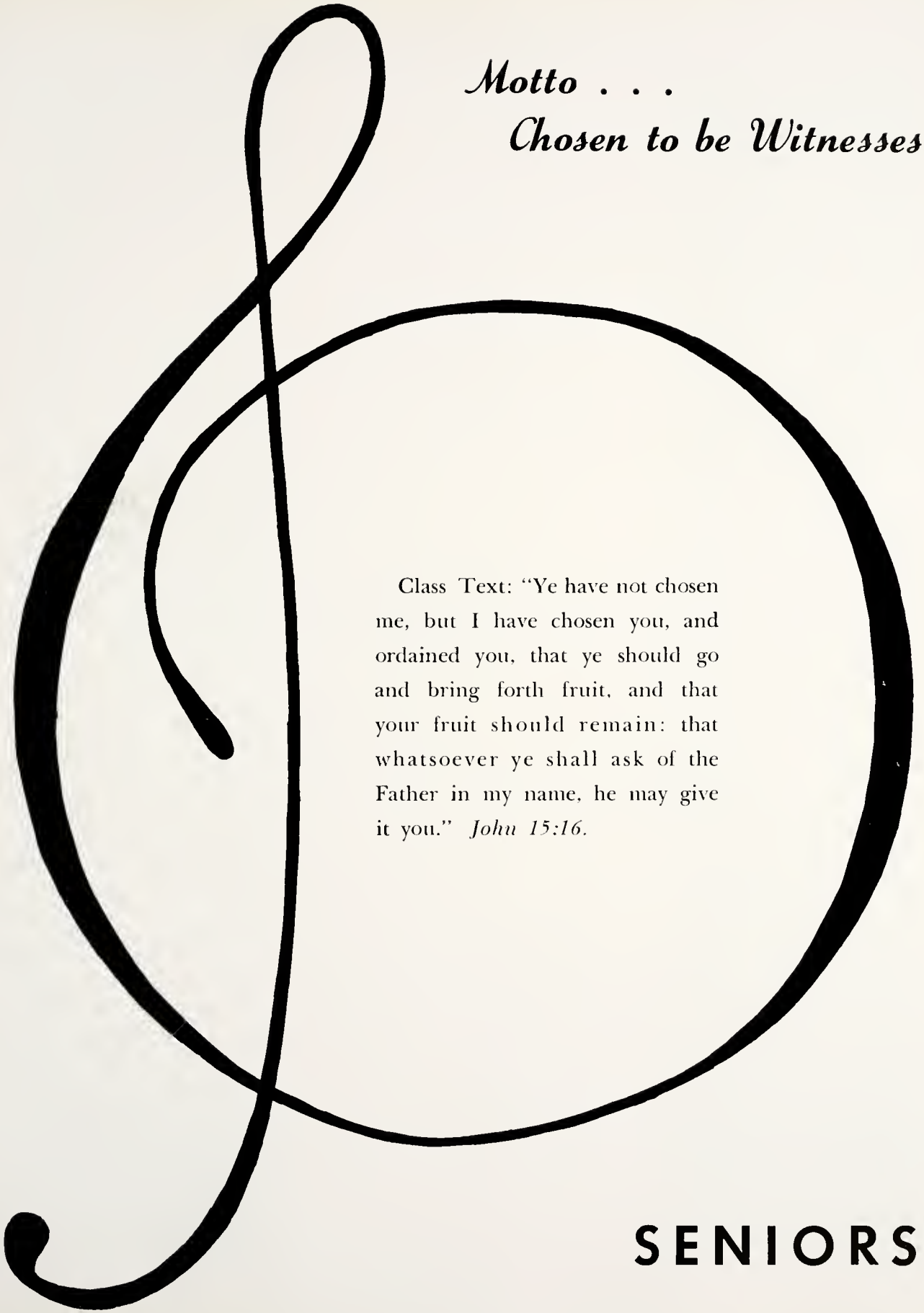
After graduation, Mary was to stay home about a year to help her mother. During her first morning at home, Mary washed the breakfast dishes and cleaned the kitchen and dining room. Then it was coffee time. When the coffee was gone, she suddenly began to cry. When her mother asked the reason for her sadness, Mary replied, "I just washed the dishes, and now I have to start all over again."

Yes, Mary was through school, but she was not through life. Graduation means another start, and more training. The cups, too, were not washed to be kept clean, but to do more service. This is especially true of our Reformed Bible Institute graduates. The school training is almost over, but we feel very keenly that another training still is to come in our service to our King.

One thing we have learned while at school is the necessity of daily devotions. If we are faithful in this exercise, we will receive the richest blessings upon our work. We cannot with words express how precious those devotional periods have become to us. God speaks to us through His Word, and in prayer we have fellowship with Him in the name of Christ Jesus. How good it is to feel God's presence around us and the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. It lifts us out of the everyday worries and cares, strengthens us on our way, fills us with assurance, and gives us a peace the world can neither provide nor take away.

Yes, the graduates are going to have a new start. We will miss the Reformed Bible Institute, which has given us so many wonderful times. We leave with regret, but we also look forward to the future. If we stay in close relationship to God, it will result in the right relationship to our neighbors, and ultimately, it will be to the glory of God our Maker. "The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in those that hope in His mercy." Ps. 147:11.

Betty Nieuwstraten, *Senior*



Motto . . .
Chosen to be Witnesses

Class Text: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." *John 15:16.*

SENIORS

WAYNE ALDERINK, Grand Rapids, Michigan

First Chr. Ref. Church

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." ROM. 10:9-11

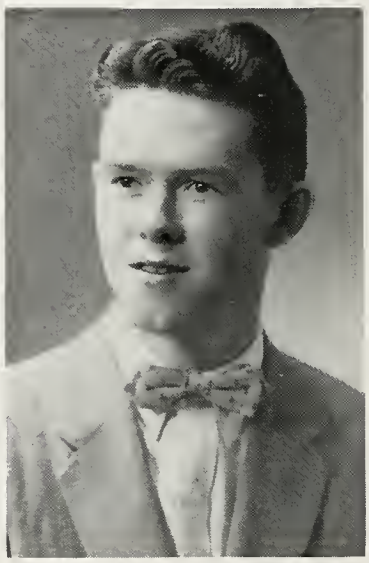
Class Pres. — '52-'53

Student Council V.P. — '54-'55

Teaching: Buckley Chapel — '53-'54
D.V.B.S., Munster, Ind. — Summers '53-'54
D.V.B.S., 36th St. Chr. Ref. Ch. — Summers '53-'54
D.V.B.S., Buckley Chapel — Summers '53-'54
Ionia Ave. Chapel — '54-'55

Speaking: Ionia Ave. Chapel — '54-'55

Personal Work: Buckley Chapel — '53-'54
Veterans' Facility — '53-'54
Alger Park Chr. Ref. Church — '53-'54
Ionia Ave. Chapel — '54-'55



LE ROY BAAS, Randolph, Wis.

II Randolph Chr. Ref. Church

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." PROV. 3:5, 6.

Class President — '54-'55

Teaching: Ada Ref. Church, Catechism — '53-'54
Hillcrest Chapel Sunday School — '54-'55
D.V.B.S., Aberdeen Ref. Church — '54

Speaking: Hillcrest Chapel, Battle Creek, Mich. — '54-'55

Personal Work: Buckley Chapel — '53-'54; '54-'55
Veterans' Facilities — '53-'54
Aberdeen Ref. Church — '54
Hillcrest Chapel, Battle Creek — '54-'55

HARRIET BUSSIS, Borculo, Michigan

Borculo Chr. Ref. Church

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." GAL. 2:20

Student Council Representative — '53-'54; '54-'55

Teaching: Bible Class, Griggs St. Gospel Chapel — '53-'54; '54-'55
Bible Class, Mary Free Bed — '53-'54; '54-'55
Sunday School, Borculo Chr. Ref. Ch. — Summers '53-'54
D.V.B.S., Griggs St. Gospel Chapel — Summers '53-'54

Personal Work: Griggs St. Gospel Chapel — '53-'54; '54-'55

JEMIMA ENSING, Hudsonville, Michigan
Zutphen Chr. Ref. Church

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." PHIL. 4:19

Student Council Representative — '53-'54; '54-'55
Teaching: Sunday School, Zuthpen Chr. Ref Church — '53, '54, '55
Senior Girls' Society, First Hudsonville Chr. Ref. Ch. — '53, '54, '55
Daily Vacation Bible School, Chatham, Ont., Canada — '53, '54
Personal Work: Madison Square Chapel — '53-'54, '54-'55

ELSIE KOOP, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Borculo Chr. Ref. Church

"Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from Him cometh my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved." PSALM 62:1, 2

Class Vicar — '54-'55
Student Council Sec. — '53-'54
Teaching: Girls' Bible Class, Gold Ave. Chapel — '53-'54
Catechism Class, Borculo Chr. Ref. Ch. — '54-'55
Ladies' Aid, Burton Heights Chr. Ref. Ch. — '54-'55
D.V.B.S., Trenton, Ont., Canada — Summer '54
Sunday School, Borculo Chr. Ref. Church — Summers '52, '53, 54
Personal Work: Gold Ave. Chapel — '53-'54; '54-'55

ADELINE MEYER, Volga, South Dakota
Mayfair Chr. Reformed Church

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men." COL. 3:23

Class Vicar — '52-'53
Class Vice Pres. — '53-'54
Student Council Representative — '54-'55
Teaching: Bible Class, Mary Free Bed — '53-'54
Bible Class, Griggs St. Gospel Chapel — "53-'54; '54-'55
Personal Work: Griggs St. Gospel Chapel — '53-'54; '54-'55

BETTY NIEUWSTRATEN, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Sherman St. Chr. Ref. Church

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him." JAMES 1:15

Teaching: D.V.B.S., Blenheim, Ont., Canada — Summer '53-'54
Girls' Society, Bates St. Chr. Ref. Church — '53-'54
Sunday School, Plymouth Cong'l Ch. — 53-'54
D.V.B.S., Leamington, Ont. — Summer '54
D.V.B.S., Flint Chr. Ref. Ch. — Summer '54
D.V.B.S., Plymouth Cong'l Ch. — Summer '54

Personal Work: W. Fulton Chapel — '53-'54
Madison Square Chapel — '54-'55

IDA NOORDMANS, Hancock, Minnesota

Mayfair Chr. Reformed Church

"Put on therefore, as God's elect, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, longsuffering; . . . and above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfectness." COL. 3:12, 14

Class Sec. — '53-'54

Class Treas. — '54-'55

Teaching: Girls' Bible Class — Beacon Light Chapel — '53-'54
Girls' Sunday School Class — Sunshine Chapel — '54-'55
D.V.B.S., Hancock, Minn. — Summer '53.

Personal Work: Beacon Light Chapel — '53-'54
Madison Square Chapel — '54-'55

HUNG TAO SHENG, Shanghai, China

Alpine Ave. Chr. Ref. Church

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; Trust also in him, and he will bring it to pass." PSALM 37:5

JENNIE STRYKER, Imlay City, Michigan

Imlay City Chr. Ref. Church

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart: and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."
PROV. 3:5, 6

Class Sec. — '54-'55
Teaching: Sunshine Chapel — '53-'54
Mary Free Bed — '54-'55
Bible School, Saginaw — '54
Bible School, Blenheim, Ont., Canada — '53-'54
Personal Work: Gold Ave. Chapel — '53-'54; '54-'55

MILDRED VAN DYKE, Holland, Michigan

East Saugatuck Chr. Ref. Church

"Not that I have already obtained, or am already made perfect: but I press on, if so be that I may lay hold on that for which also I was laid hold on by Christ Jesus."
PHILIPPIANS 3:12

Student Council Representative — '54-'55
Teaching: Mary Free Bed — '54-'55
Gold Ave. Chapel — '53-'54
Personal Work: Madison Sq. Chapel — '53-'54, '54-'55

JEANETTE VAN STELLE, Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Sherman St. Chr. Ref. Church

"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want . . ." PSALM 23

Class Treas. — '52-'53
Student Council Representative — '53-'54
Teaching: Mary Free Bed Convalescent Home, boys' class — '53-'54
Sunday School, Sherman St. Chr. Ref. Church — '53-'54, '54-'55
Personal Work: Veterans' Facilities, '53-'54, '54-'55
Madison Square Chapel — '53-'54

MARJORIE S. VISSER, Sumas, Washington
Calvin Chr. Reformed Church

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest . . . moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."
JOHN 4:35b — I COR. 4:2

Class Vice Pres. — '54-'55
Teaching: Girls' Bible Class; Sunshine Back To God Chapel — '53-'54
Children's Bible Class, Arcadia Chapel — '54-'55
Personal Work: Sunshine Back to God Chapel — '53-'54
Veterans' Facility Hospital — '53-'54
Veterans' Facility Hospital — '54-'55

WILLARD WILLINK, Holland, Michigan
Graafschap Chr. Ref. Church

"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself."
PHILIPPIANS 3:20, 21

Student Council Treas. — '53-'54
Class President — '53-'54
Student Council Pres. — '54-'55
Teaching: Hillcrest Chapel S.S., Battle Creek — '53-'54
Pioneer Chapel, Adult Bible Class, Grant, Mich. — '54-'55
Speaking: Hillcrest Chapel, Battle Creek — '53-'54
Pioneer Chapel, Pine Grove, Grant, Mich. — '54-'55
Personal Work: Hillcrest Chapel, Battle Creek — '53-'54
Pioneer, Pine Grove, and Windfall Chapels, Grant — '54-'55

MARILYN WITTEVEEN, Zeeland, Michigan
Third Chr. Ref. Church

"I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."
II TIM. 1:12

Class Treas. — '53-'54
Student Council Treas. — '54-'55
Teaching: Third Chr. Ref. Church Sunday School — '53-'54; '54-'55
D.V.B.S., Ebenezer Chr. Ref. Church, Trenton, Ont., Canada — Summer '54
Personal Work: Gold Ave. Chapel — '53-'54; '54-'55

CLASS SONG

HARK THE VOICE OF JESUS

Hark! the voice of Jesus crying,
"Who will go and work today?
Fields are white, and harvests waiting,
Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth,
Rich reward He offers free;
Who will answer, gladly saying,
"Here am I; send me, send me?"

If you cannot cross the ocean,
And the heathen lands explore,
You can find the heathen nearer,
You can help them at your door;
If you cannot give your thousands,
You can give the widow's mite,
And the least you give for Jesus
Will be precious in His sight.

If you cannot be the watchman
Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
Off'ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties
You can do what heav'n demands;
You can be like faithful Aaron
Holding up the prophet's hands.

Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the souls of men are dying,
And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly;
Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth,
"Here am I; send me, send me."

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

(Back Row) Leroy Baas, *President;* Marjorie Visser, *Vice President*
(Front Row) Ida Noordmans, *Treasurer;* Jennie Stryker, *Secretary*
(Not pictured) Elsie Koop, *Vicar*

CHALLENGED

The challenge for particular full-time service for our Lord, which once seemed so far away, is now very near. When we, as freshmen, started our Reformed Bible Institute training, there was indeed a challenge set before us to work more fully for Him and to become His witnesses, but the challenge seemed far away. Now, what seems just a short time later, we are standing at the open gate of service. We must leave our school and meet the challenge of witnessing; boldly, with the Word of God always before us, and thankfully, for we by God's grace have been "CHOSEN TO BE WITNESSES".

We praise God that He has given each of us a certain distinctive task in this world. We soon will be leaving each other, going to the field of service God has assigned us. How wonderful is the promise of God that His Word shall not return unto Him void. With that promise we can go out humbly, yet victoriously, for God's Word will stand firm and win over all the works of the Evil One.

We, as the Senior Class, feel that we have been challenged by God to work for Him. We pray that many may feel the challenge and answer the voice of Jesus, so beautifully put in that challenging hymn that has become the favorite of our class:

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Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth,
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"Here am I; send me, send me?"

LEROY BAAS — *Class President*

SENIORS AT EASE

Destination?

Sing!

All in, Sheng?

Taste good?

Same hook-up

"Vrouw Kromedyke is ziek!"

THE LIVING WORD

"When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee" (Prov. 6:22).

In Washington D.C., we have the world's largest library. Called the Congressional Library, it takes in two blocks, and covers three and one-half acres. Its volumes number into the millions, requiring a staff of fifteen hundred members to manage. When one thinks of such a vast amount of books, he is both amazed and dumbfounded, for what a wealth of knowledge and information must be stacked upon those shelves! Yet, most of these books will be forgotten and die as have hosts of volumes written centuries ago. Just as the forest multiplies its leaves each year only to cast them down in the fall to wither and die, so shall the words of man last but for a season. And yet, we have a Book that will never be forgotten, will never grow old, will never die. "The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: but the Word of the Lord endureth forever."

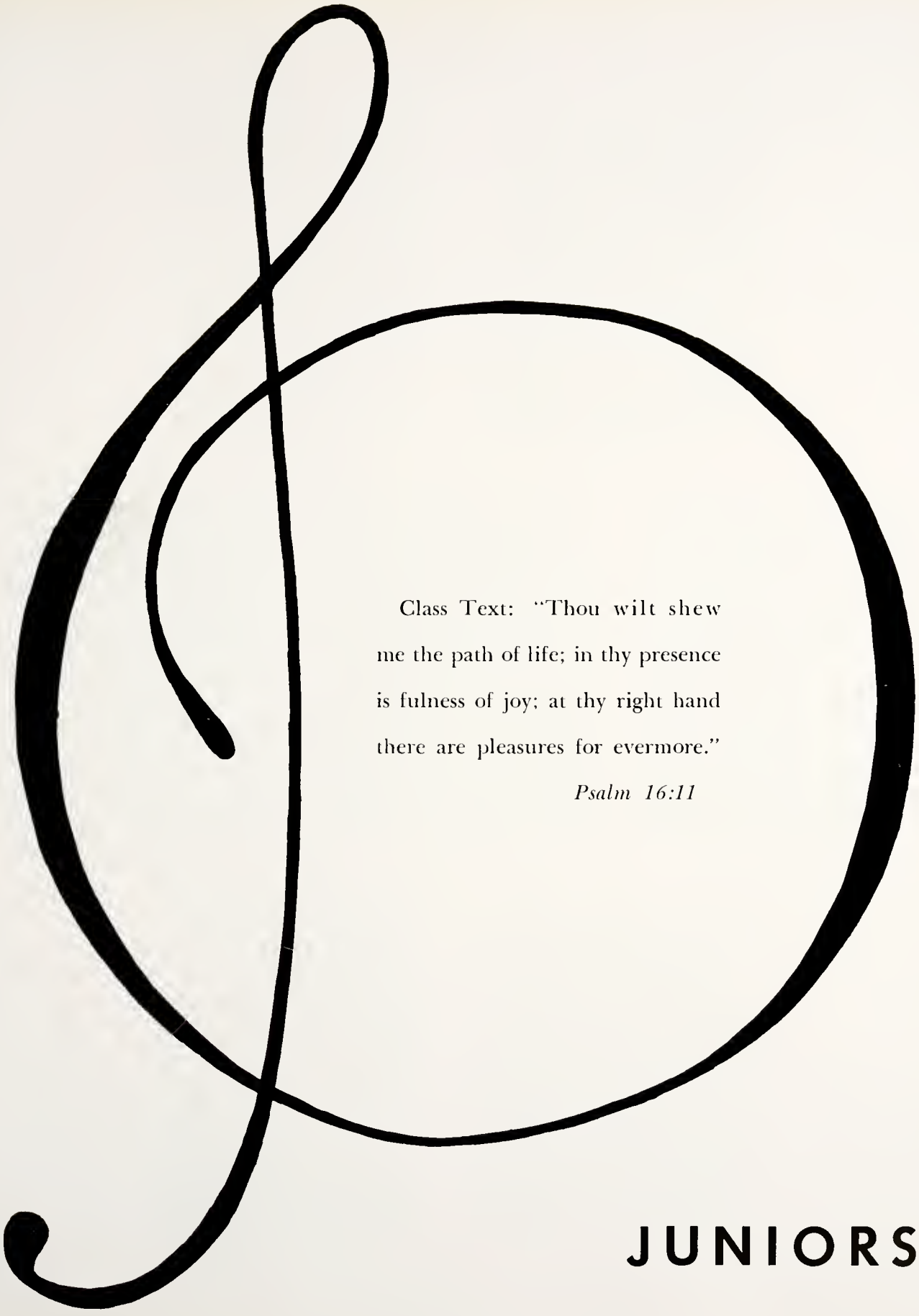
The Word, as fresh and full of force as it was in the days of the Apostles, still breathes, and speaks, and conquers. No book had wrought as many miracles or given such life. No book has arrested as many souls, has rebuked as many sinners, has comforted as many sorrowing, has warmed as many saints as the Bible. Pray tell, what other volume has done as much? Truly this Book is "alive", vitally alive, from the first chapter in Genesis to the last verse in Revelation.

There are people who say the Scriptures should be put on the shelf with all the other antiques, because it was written for a generation that lived two thousand years ago. They sneer at its doctrines, at the Apostles, at the Christ, and call it a relic of an age that has long passed on. So they say! But the Word is so much alive that if it were cut into a thousand pieces and thrown to the four winds, or scattered over the seven seas, each piece would germinate and bring forth the Gospel a hundred fold. If it were cast into the roaring fire, it would walk through the flame unsinged as it has done time and time again.

Thus it is with the Word of God: it liveth and abideth forever, and in every soil and under all circumstances it is prepared to prove its own life by the energy with which it grows and produces fruit to the glory of God. How vain, and how wicked, are all attempts to kill the Word. Those who attempt the crime, will be forever beginning, and never come to the end. While God liveth, His Word shall live! We have an immortal God, therefore an immortal Gospel, incapable of being destroyed, which shall live and shine when even the sun has burned out its last scant supply of oil, and time shall be no more.

Knowing this, may we be "living" witnesses, of the "living" Word!

ALBERT BYTWORK — *Junior*



Class Text: "Thou wilt shew me the path of life; in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

Psalm 16:11

JUNIORS

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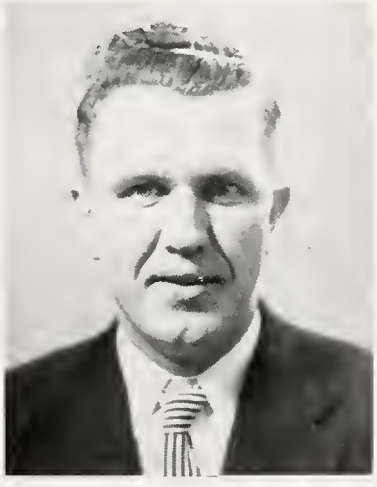

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FAREWELL TO THE SENIORS

"All good things come to an end" — so goes one saying, and it is so true! All of us will testify that the year or years spent at our beloved Reformed Bible Institute were years of spiritual development and growth, of deep spiritual enrichment from the mines of God's Word. For you, dear seniors, this time of constantly being filled with new riches is drawing to a close. Soon comes the opportunity to give out what you have learned.

We appreciate your helpfulness in many ways and we shall miss you next year. In spite of this, we are happy and thankful that you are going to work in God's Kingdom. And now, as you go into your various callings, may the words of your class text give you the needed comfort and strength when you hear God say: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, that you should go and bring forth fruit . . . " As chosen of God to work for Him in a special way, may you with God's help bring forth fruits which will remain in eternity.

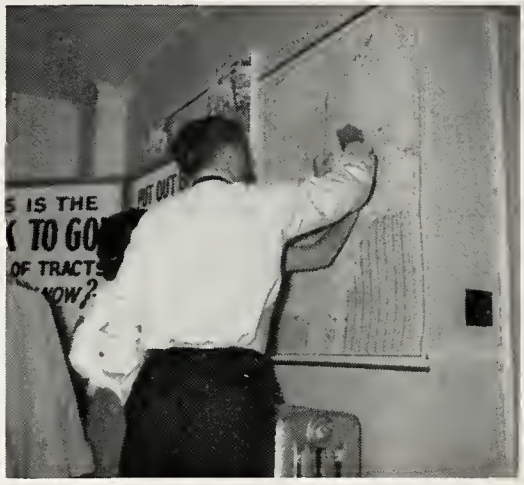
God also has promised to supply your manifold needs. Says Jesus: " . . . whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." What a great and comforting promise this is for the worker of the Lord!

Our parting prayer for you is that our faithful covenant God may bless each and every one of you on your future path in life.

NANCY CHAPEL
Junior Class President

THE INFORMAL JUNIORS

Organ practice



See, take this street . . .

"In the first place . . ."

Now, you kids . . .

After the banquet

Looks bad

Development of Expression

The couple of days before the beginning of the new school year are very lively days at the dorm. One hears many joyous exclamations, hearty greetings and welcomes. These are mostly heard among the upper classmen. Many questions are being asked and answered, everyone is interested in knowing what the next person has done during the summer, and what she has seen.

In the midst of this happiness, there is also a group of students who are not quite so noisy and happy. These are the freshmen. They are getting acquainted one with another in a quiet and sweet fashion. They look very timid and almost frightened. They look at the juniors and seniors and wonder whether it will be possible that next year they too will be as eager and happy to meet and greet their classmates.

As for now, there are so many things for them to consider. They must live in a dorm with twenty other girls, most likely with four in one room. "How will it go? What kind of roommates will I get?" These and other questions prick their minds.

Again, they have heard that they must take public speaking and will be called on to offer a prayer at the table or in the chapel. "Why! I have never spoken in public," they say. "I would not dare to say anything while others are looking at me! I have never offered a public prayer. I get too excited when I have to do it. I cannot build the sentences correctly in such a hurry." They could offer many more excuses, but there seems to be no mercy.

During the first few weeks, the upper classmen take turns in leading table devotions. Finally the freshmen have their turns also. At first they are asked in advance to give them the opportunity to adjust themselves to the idea. Some of them do really tremble the first time. Some of them in their excitement do not have the best grammar, and after one or two sentences are forced to end the prayer abruptly. They might be a bit frustrated, and if they have expected someone to snicker or laugh about it, they are mistaken. The air is just as quiet and reverent as if a most beautifully expressed prayer was offered. We all realize that God listens to the heart and not to the mouth. Of course, we should use the best language at our disposal when we approach the Holy One, and yet we are so grateful that God also accepts a simple but humble prayer.

When their turn comes again, they have gained some confidence and are more collected. It doesn't take long before they do lead at the table or in chapel prayer calmly, and with confidence, yet aware of God's greatness and their own smallness.

So, my young reader, if you have had trouble with such fear or problems or have been concerned about your public expression or prayer life, have hope and give consideration to attending our school for at least a year. Much can be and is being done with God's help.

The table devotions and chapel prayer are not all. Every day before breakfast, and before retiring at night, half an hour is set aside for private devotions. We study God's Word and commune with Him through prayer. Some of the freshmen have never done this before and do not know how to go about it. Some of them cannot see how a person can pray for fifteen or twenty minutes. But after a short time, one finds out that this is not even enough time. Why such a change? Because we grow spiritually, our vision broadens, and we realize the great need for prayer.

There are various methods of studying the Bible, such as book by book, by way of subjects, or by use of devotional books. One chooses her own method. If help in this is desired, it can be received from the upper classmen or faculty. Whatever way one studies the precious Book, one cannot help but grow and expand spiritually.

Some roommates make it a practice to have devotions together once a week, or once in two weeks, or as they choose. This helps in learning to express one's self, for it is easier to do so just with the roommates than in the presence of the whole group. Through such practice they are drawn together in Christian love, and they are given special grace to deal kindly with one another in spite of various differences.

Much more could be written about it, but this gives an insight of how we live. Come and join us here. You will certainly be blessed. We love it here and are sure that you will too.

May God bless you and show you His will for your life.

Nancy Chapel
A Junior

GUARDING OUR HERITAGE

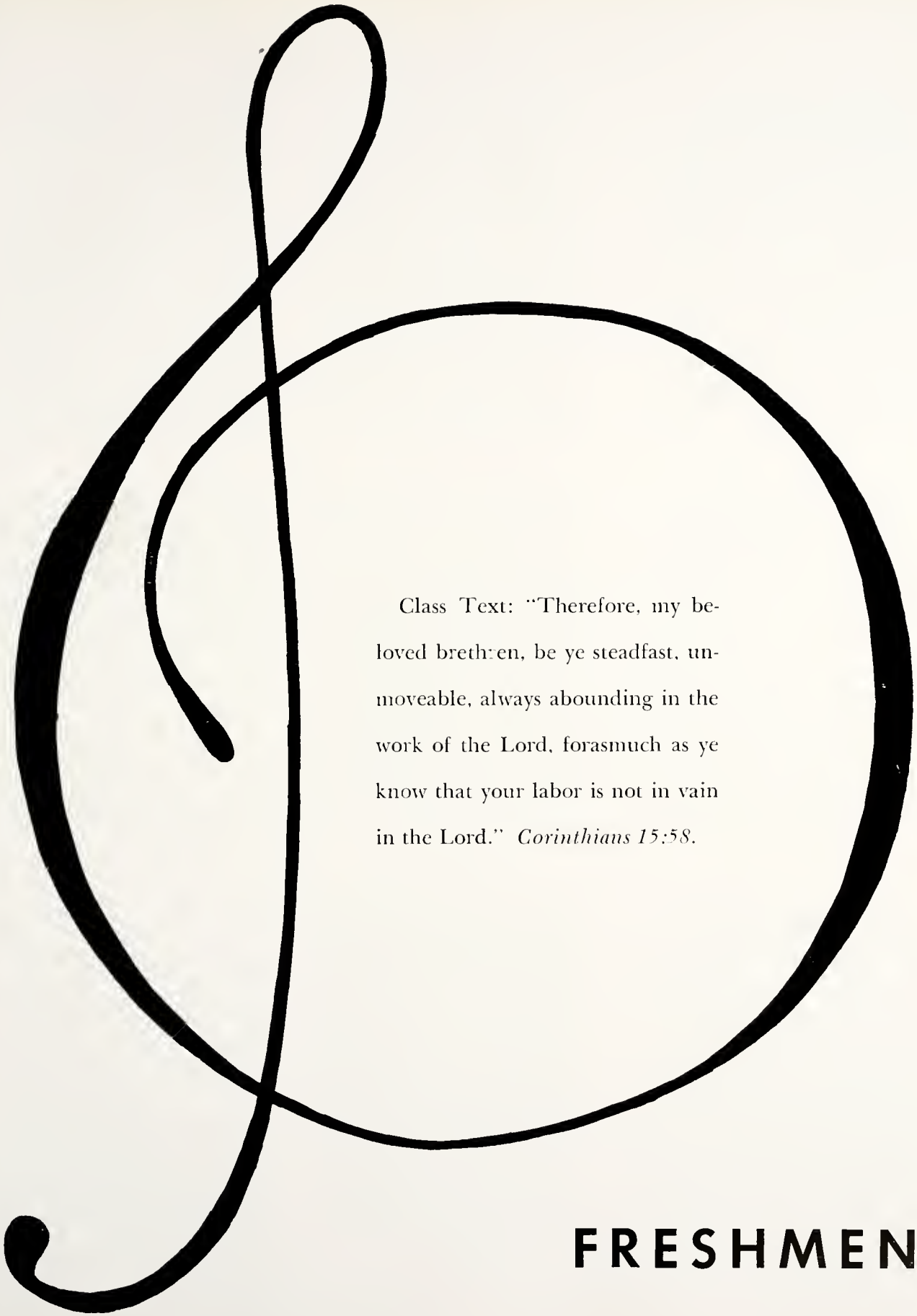
Guarding our heritage — just exactly what does this imply? Does this refer to the protecting of and fighting for some property which has been or will be willed to us after the death of a predecessor? Does it mean that we, being heirs, shall receive some desired prize from our loved ones which shall prompt us to do all in our power to keep, check, and control this prize?

To the above questions we would immediately answer, "Yes". Indeed, guarding our heritage means all this and more. It surely means that we will inherit some sort of an estate. It may also mean that the traditions or family rights will be handed down for us to carry on after the death of our elders. Webster also expresses an additional idea regarding it. He says, ". . . hence the lot, condition or status into which one is born . . ." This is true in the sense that if the lot of a family is rich, so will be the condition or status of their sons and daughters since the estate will be willed to them and will be faithfully kept, protected, and guarded by them. Yes, this explains briefly the guarding of our heritage — the American's heritage.

As Christians, we also have a heritage to guard. It is true that we have a worldly heritage to guard, but let us put one name before each previous point — the name Chirst. Our Christian heritage has been willed to us by our Father in heaven and partially established for us by Old Testament fathers. Abraham, for instance, laid hold of a heritage of faith in God which in turn was handed down from generation to generation. Our heritage is something we have received from God — a Christian freedom, faith and function. We, being born into a family of Christian saints, are blessed with a rich lot, and a hopeful condition. This inheritance we are protecting, defending and guarding from evil, injury and loss. As a basketball player guards the ball to prevent scoring a point for the opposing team, so we are guarding our heritage from the opposing team — Satan and his hosts.

We, being the Sons of God, are joint heirs with Christ. We are heirs of salvation and promise, of righteousness and grace. We are heirs, not most of all of a worldly estate, but of the Kingdom of God, of the heavenly mansion. "Oh! It is with great joy that we protect, defend and guard such a glorious heritage.

BETTY MEAD — *Freshman*



Class Text: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." *Corinthians 15:58.*

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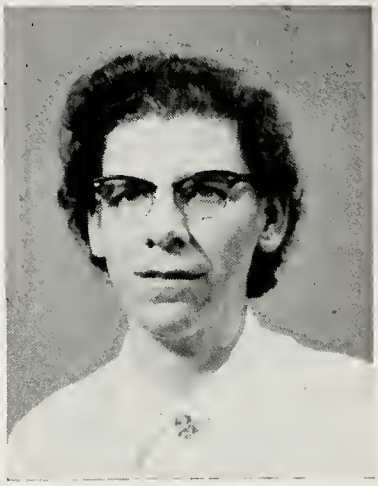

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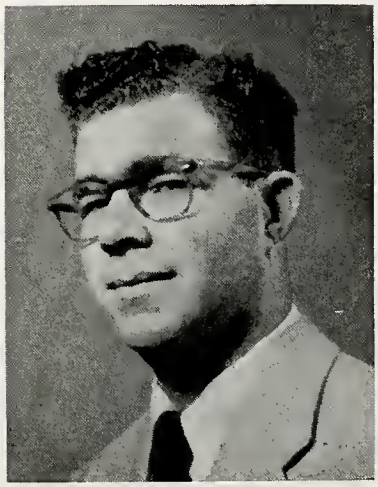

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Seated – Lena Bulthuis, *Secretary;* Dorothy Diedrich, *Vicar*

FAREWELL TO THE SENIORS

It is with great joy that we freshmen take this opportunity to wish the graduating seniors the best of God's blessings in their coming work. You have been very brotherly and sisterly in your advice and comfort to us. May the words with which you have encouraged us be of lasting strength in your own future work with its joys and disappointments.

We are thankful to God that you have been fitted for service in His Kingdom and that your example has stimulated hope and earnestness in our hearts to follow in your footsteps. We hope that your testimony and life will reflect the life of your Saviour as it has been taught so purely and soundly here at school.

"Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness, and the work of faith and power." II Thess. 1:11.

John Fikkert
Freshman Class President

SOME LIVELY FRESHMEN

"As I was saying"

Freshman girls

"Directions, please"

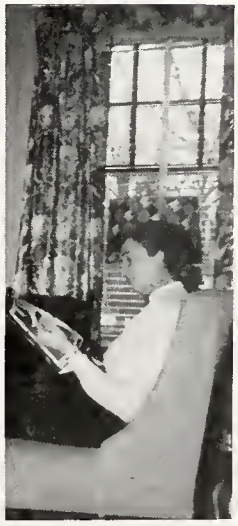
Lucy

Dry class?

Studying hard

Back view

Canadian friends



What's new?

Why I Came to the Reformed Bible Institute

My feelings were mingled as I stepped off the train in Gallup that day in March almost three years ago. Seeing the beautiful Red Rocks and the sloping hills, I was reminded of our great Creator and a silent prayer went up from my heart that somehow, somewhere, He might see fit to use even me, a layworker, who was the greenest of the green.

I soon felt at home with my sister to meet me and all the children singing in the main dining room, "There's a Welcome Here." Even though I was away from home and friends for the first time, I did not feel lonely, because these people were away from their homes too. I realized too as never before that our God is an omnipresent God, able to take care of each one of us no matter where we might be.

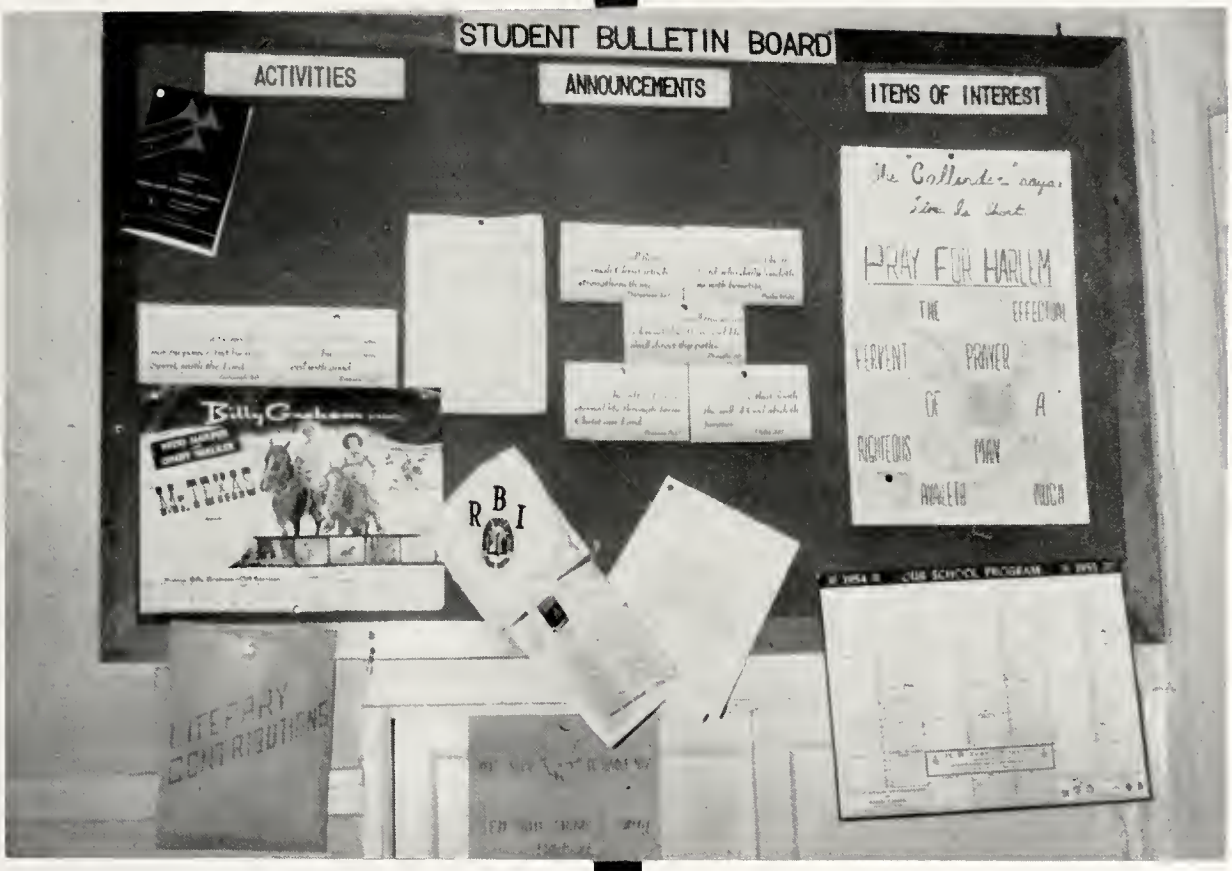
My round of duties soon began as I was the new laundress. I never saw so many dresses, shirts, levis, sheets, and towels in my life! There are two dormitories at Rehoboth, and each one houses approximately sixty students. I used to think that my Mom had a lot of washing to do; but this was really something different.

It also was my privilege to relieve the two matrons of the dormitories on their day off. I enjoyed putting the little children to bed, singing choruses with them, and kneeling to pray, thanking God for the many blessings received. The older children would not always be so willing to go to bed on time; they tried to do just one more Arithmetic problem or read just one more page in their books. In the morning, their faces were not always cheery and bright when the rising bell was rung. After devotions, the children would leave for their respective details; some to set the tables in the dining room, to peel potatoes in the kitchen, to gather the hospital laundry, and to dust the furniture and sweep the floors in the dormitories. Each child from perhaps the fourth grade through high school has a special duty for which he is responsible.

An important phase of mission work at Rehoboth is the hospital where the Indian people come from their homes on the reservation to receive healing for their pain-racked bodies. While they are recovering from their sicknesses, they also receive healing for their sin-sick souls by means of tape recordings of messages and by personal testimonies of the different staff members. What a challenge it should be then to live our lives in such a way that others seeing us may see Christ in us! What a blessing it is to see those who have been in the darkness of sin for so long come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

After I had been at Rehoboth for some time, I began to realize that I was not capable of explaining the great fundamental truths to these young lives. After much prayer and planning, I felt that it was God's will that I should go to the Reformed Bible Institute. I do not know just what the future holds, but I am satisfied to know that He holds the key.

EVELYN WYBENGA — *Freshman*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Seated – Albert Bytwork, Wayne Alderink, Willard Willink, *President,* Marilyn Witteveen
Not pictured – John Tucker

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" The pleasure and blessedness of such unity is the rich experience of the student body of the Reformed Bible Institute. In a world of strained social relationships, it is no small privilege and delight to study on a campus that can truly be called a "spiritual-life center."

The purpose of the Student Council is to promote the various social activities of the school. It is especially at our school parties that faculty and students are knit together.

The Student Council, under the supervision of the faculty, concerns itself with the best interests of the students and of the school. It was with this in mind that the council decided, in the opening months of this school year, to publish a school paper each month. This paper has proven a real asset to our student activities and has revealed some fine literary talent among our student body.

As a result of our school paper another member was added to our Student Council body, namely, the editor of our paper. Thus, our present council consists of the elected officers, two delegates from each class, and the editors of our paper and of our annual "The Echo". President Walters serves as advisor. More important still is the guidance of our God, whose help we implore, in the opening of each meeting.

Our prayer is that God may ever use the Student Council of the Reformed Bible Institute, to maintain and promote that Christian love and unity which is so evident on our campus today.

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love,
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above."

WILLARD WILLINK
Student Council President

CHAPEL TIME

Each morning there is a welcome pause in our class activities when faculty and students gather in the chapel.

As we enter we are greeted with the soft tones of the beautiful new Baldwin Electronic organ, a gift presented to the school by Mildred Brink, an alumna, and her brother Peter, in memory of their parents. The organ music contributes much to the beauty and solemnity of these times of praise and prayer.

Chapel is a very important phase of our school life. Believing that "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much," we unitedly bring to the Lord the needs of our churches, the schools, all avenues of mission activity, government, the sick and the sorrowing, the work of mercy, and the faculty and students. Tennyson has said, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." How true this is. Through these precious moments of communion with the Lord, the hearts of faculty and student body are knit closely together.

Arrangements for our chapel sessions are made by the students under the supervision of one of the faculty members. Once a week we enjoy hearing a guest speaker, or seeing a film in connection with some phase of missions or work of mercy. Each Wednesday we devote our chapel time mainly to a prayer session in which several of the students take part. The students take turns in directing the singing, in chapel leadership, and in bringing a message from God's Word. Thus these sessions are varied and inspiring, and give us valuable practice in Christian leadership.

Leaving the chapel after these times of spiritual refreshing, we feel in our hearts the sentiment expressed by the psalmist:

"What shall I render to the Lord
For all His benefits to me?
How shall my soul, by grace restored,
Give worthy thanks, O Lord to Thee?"

LENA BULTHUIS — *Freshman*

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Front Row — Elsie Koop, Adeline Meyer, *Editor,* Ida Noordmans, Wilma Vander Bie

Not Pictured — Lena Bulthuis

"From the Editor"

How we thrill to new ventures — to new beginnings! The publishing of our school paper, *The Reflector,* is the most recent venture of our school. Like the clarion call of the trumpet in the early morning, so *The Reflector* goes forth as a testimony and witness to all who read it.

This paper is composed of meditations, testimonies, articles on school activities, alumni news, and original literary material from the students. The purpose of this publication is to draw our alumni, friends and students closer to our school and its activities and bind us in spiritual fellowship.

It is our prayer that this new venture may continue in our school and be a source of inspiration to all its readers.

ADELINE MEYER

God Cares

As I gaze out of my window,
And I see the cloudless sky,
Then I think of God in heaven
Looking down with searching eye.

I can feel His Presence near me
Even when I'm all alone;
And I know He's with His children,
Always caring for His own.

He knows when our path is rocky;
When we almost slip and fall;
But His hand is there to hold us
E'en before we think to call.

Often worldly pleasures lure us,
And our faith grows very dim;
Yet the Father's eye is watching
For our steps to turn to Him.

He will not forsake His children,
Even though in sin they stray;
His love, through the Holy Spirit,
Draws them back into His way.

So, if sometimes you are lonely,
And the road seems rocky too,
Don't forget that God in heaven
Still is watching over you.

— A Senior

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The Spirit's Power

Did you ever stop to think about
The Holy Spirit's power?
Of His constant help and guidance
To the Christian every hour?

I think we oft-times grieve Him
When we give Him such small place
In our thoughts, our words, and actions;
As we seek the throne of grace.

'Twas a day of great rejoicing
When on Pentecost He came;
The disciples all were waiting,
And they did not wait in vain

For we read, "They all were gathered
In accord" on that great day
When the Holy Ghost descended
On them, in a special way.

Oh, He came with mighty power;
Sounds of rushing wind were heard,
Cloven tongues of fire then settled
On their heads, and hearts were stirred.

Then the Spirit took possession
Of their minds, and hearts, and speech;
Thus the Gospel they were bringing
Every stranger there could reach.

This was not a mad confusion,
But a unifying power;
Many people listened gladly
And were baptized that same hour.

Now the Spirit still is working
In the hearts of men today;
And His power still unites us
As we work and as we pray.

Some day, when this life is ended,
And we see our Savior dear,
We will speak the heavenly language
Which the Spirit taught us here.

Jemima Ensing — *Senior*

Musical Pictures

Flat

Rest

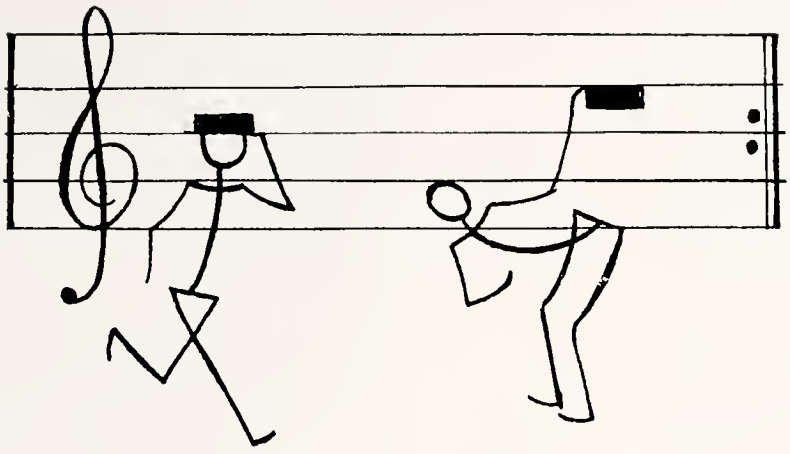
Accent

Natural

Pace

Stop

Meet The Rests



Among the rests we often meet
Upon the music staff,
Two look so very much alike —
The Whole Rest and the Half.

Like hats upon two gentlemen
Who meet a lady fair;
Half merely nods and tips the brim;
Whole lifts his hat with care.

Lydia Jean Erickson

LIFE'S RESTS

In our whole life-melody the music is broken off here and there by "rests", and we foolishly think we have come to the end of the tune. God sends a time of forced leisure, a time of sickness and disappointed plans, and makes a sudden pause in the choral hymn of our lives, and we lament that our voices must be silent and our part missing in the music which even goes up to the ear of the Creator.

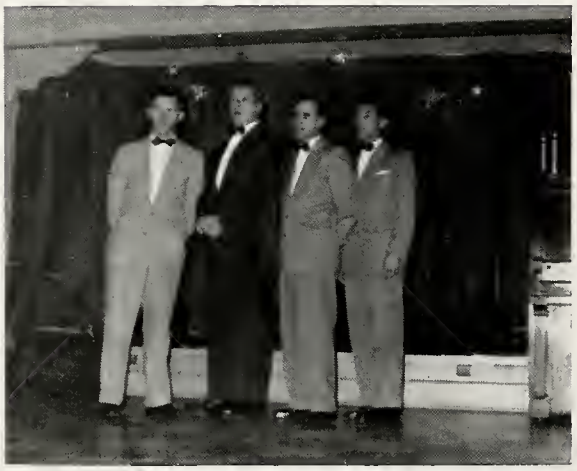
Not without design does God write the music of our lives. Be it ours to learn the tune and not be dismayed at the "rests". If we look up, God will beat the time for us.

AT OUR CHRISTMAS BANQUET

First Violinist

Freshman sextette

Master of Ceremonies



Singing His Praises

Absorbing?

MUSIC

MEN'S QUARTET

Leroy Baas

Wayne Alderink

Albert Bytwork

Bartell Adema

FRESHMEN SEXTETTE

Back Row — Shirlene Brink, Betty Brink, Evelyn Wybenga

Front Row — Arlene Ickes, Delores Dewey, Gladys Garvelink

JUNIOR DUET

Edna Hossink Albert Bytwork

SENIOR TRIO

Marilyn Witteveen, Marjorie Visser, Nettie Van Stelle

GIRLS' QUARTET

Carolyn Wezeman Wilma Vander Bie
Edna Hossink Marilyn Witteveen

The Voice of Singing

With a voice of singing, the Reformed Bible Institute choir has been active in exalting the name of the Lord. This fifty-five voice choir meets twice weekly to sing praises to God with inspiration and enjoyment. Under the capable leadership of the director, Mr. Jack Van Laar, the choir has made several public appearances this year. The first performance was for the Alumni Homecoming Day last Fall. In October the choir participated in the Reformation Day program at Hope Memorial Chapel in Holland, Michigan. Since then, programs were scheduled for Immanuel Chr. Ref. Church in Grand Rapids, and at Graafschap, Zutphen, Borculo, Grant, Kalamazoo, and Lucas, Michigan. Preparations and arrangements are being completed for the annual Spring choir tour, which this year will be to the East Coast. This will bring to a climax the year's activity.

REHEARSING AND RELAXING

"My First Taste of Personal Work"

"Good afternoon! I represent the Back To God Chapel on the corner and am here in the interest of your spiritual life. May I step in and have a word with you?" With this we began our first taste of personal contact with the world.

Many and varied were the answers to the simple questions that were asked as to the spiritual life of the individual or home we entered. Often we prayed for new courage, added strength and more wisdom to help a wandering soul or a seeking sinner. How thankful we were for the privilege of testifying of the love and compassion of our Lord and King. Happy was the occasion when we met a fellow Christian who also believed in our faithful God, but how our heart ached for the elderly man and woman who had stepped down the pathway of life together and were now winding their way toward the gateway of death only to look forward to the bleak unknown. We, who can yet enjoy life, must show these people that there is a heaven and a hell. We must teach them through God's Word that it is not through our good works that we inherit eternal life, but only through the blood of Jesus Christ our Saviour may we be entitled to it. Oh, that they would only see that their good works are as filthy rags in the sight of God. How peaceful and happy would be their walk if it were in the pathway of God.

We greet a young mother who at one time attended a church, but now because of the opposition of her husband has slipped to a life centered on her family and its earthly cares. As we talk to her we realize she is searching for an answer to her daily needs, but is seeking only through this world's means of social activities and civic necessities. What a joy it is to see the Spirit working in her heart as we read from God's Holy Word and, in the quietness of prayer, beseech God to show this mother the way to joy and peace so that she and her family may come to know the blessedness of a home built on the Rock, Christ Jesus.

In looking back at some of these first contacts of personal work we realize how needy the harvest is for ardent workers. How easily men are being led astray by false prophets. Modernistic ideas of self-attainment and future perfections have full sway in the hearts of the people. What an overpowering grip the Devil has on this world. What havoc he can cause. Here we must stop and listen, for God's Word tells us, "For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6:8, 9.

We then have a great challenge before us. Have we just tasted the need or are we eating up the opportunity to witness? Are we just seeking the straying or are we finding the lost? Are we enjoying our own salvation or are we rejoicing to be counted worthy to witness for Him? Let us not just see the need of personal contact, but let us taste and feel the power of personal contact with the world through the Spirit's working.

EDNA HOSSINK — *Junior*

Workers at Madison Square Chapel

Jim at work in Kalamazoo

Al on personal work

Meeting place at Spec Lake

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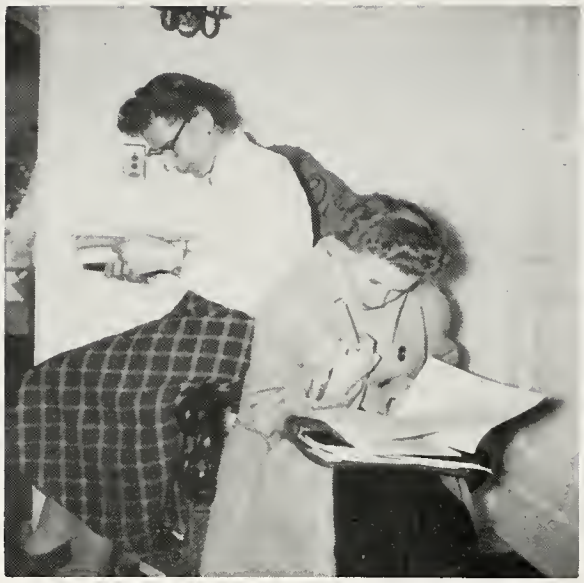


Reflecting

Making time

choke choke!

"As I see it . . ."

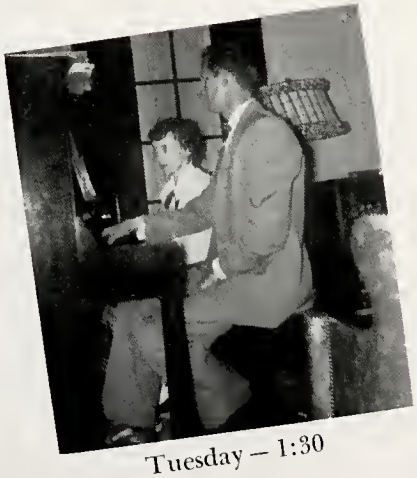
Helping hand

Um-m good

"OK? — "Ye-s-s"

7:59 A. M.

Last Bell



Tuesday — 1:30

Exams???

Saturday night

Smiling through

What's so interesting

"Jim"

Time on my hands

Smile Pretty

Dew-drop-Inn

Let's go, kids

Concentration?

As man to man

Is it that serious?

Morning Mail call

That's the one!

Whose nose?

Don't break those eggs!

What's so funny?

Waiting for the marshmallows

So what if they break!

Sew-and-so

Room mates

Finishing touches

"Southern Sunshine" and snow

Leaving for Harlem?

"Charlotte, you study too!"

It won't be so bad

Californians vs. snow!

What's next?

So kind of you!

Summer students

Who hit me?

5:00 o'clock news

The Bettys

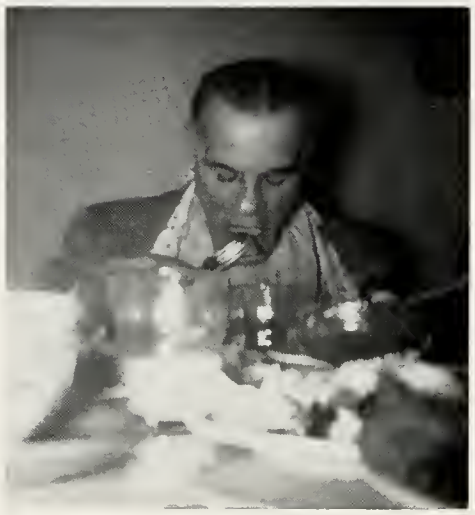
The Jennies

The Freshmen

Report Card?

"Me Too?"

AT THE FACULTY DINNER



Help-meets Club

We have again commenced a new year and truly rejoice, for the Lord has led many more young people to prepare for work in His Kingdom.

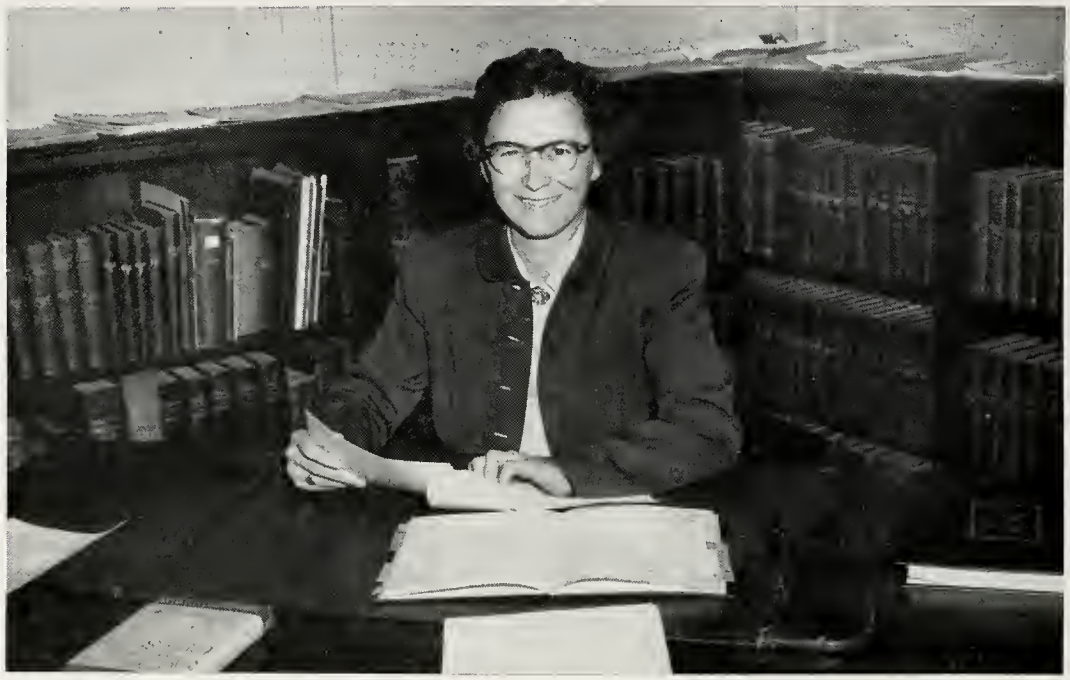
As our new members share the enthusiasm of the former members, we are again experiencing a very successful year. We're happy to introduce Mrs. David Boyd, of Holland, Michigan, who is guiding our activities as counsellor this year. We feel that her guidance has contributed greatly to our success.

As in previous years, our meetings are informal, and mainly consist of a devotional period and a guest speaker. Our speakers have been chosen in accordance with our needs for preparation for our work with our husbands. The hostess for each meeting was chosen according to the different areas, such as Holland, Hudsonville, and Grand Rapids.

Since we have enjoyed many spiritual blessings from the Christian fellowship we had together, and from the messages from God's Word, we sincerely pray that future club members may be inspired as much as we.

Mrs. Wayne Alderink
President

CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL



Miss Katie Gunnink, Correspondence School Secretary

The following courses are being offered for Correspondence School study:

Christian Doctrine . . . This course consists of twenty-seven lessons in the study of Bible Doctrine including the doctrine of God, man, Christ, salvation, church, and last things. Fee $5.00, plus textbook at a special price of $1.00.

Personal Evangelism . . . A course of nineteen lessons in the study of evangelism based on the book, *Reformed Evangelism*. Fee $5.00, plus $2.00 for textbook.

The Bible and The Bible Story . . . This course is based on Dr. Hendriksen's *Bible Survey*. It is a survey study of the Bible including the Inter-Testament period. Fee $5.00, plus textbook at $4.00.

Bible Books and Bible Characters and Passages . . . This course is also based on the book, *Bible Survey* and covers Part III and IV. It includes a rapid survey of the books of the Bible and acquaints one with the most famous and familiar Bible chapters and passages. Fee $5.00. Same textbook as above.

The Book of Revelation . . . Dr. Hendriksen's book, *More Than Conquerors* is the guide in this study of the book of Revelation. Fee $5.00, plus $2.50 for the textbook.

How to Teach . . . A course for Sunday School teachers and parents dealing with a study of children and young people. The textbook is Benson's *An Introduction To Child Study*. Fee $5.00, plus textbook at $2.00.

The Bible, Book By Book . . . This has been our most popular course. It consists of twenty-four lessons on the books of the Old Testament. The Bible is the text. Rev. Walters is at present revising the course to include even more interesting aspects of Bible Introduction study. He will also include the New Testament in the revised course.

We appreciate the faithfulness of our Correspondence School students. Many of them have been with us for years taking one course after another. We appreciate also their testimony that the courses have been helpful.

The Secretarial Course

Two years ago our school began offering secretarial courses for those who desire to serve the Lord's cause through Christian secretarial work as church secretaries and other positions requiring knowledge of Scripture, Bible Doctrine, and Christian service.

This past year the full list of secretarial courses was offered. Typing, Shorthand, and Business English were taught by Mr. Gerrit I. Buist; and Bookkeeping and Office Technique were taught by Mr. Jack Stoepker (both part-time teachers). Concerning his subjects, Mr. Buist writes:

"Shorthand, typing and Business English are the subjects taught in this course during evening classes. The first two are valuable skills that can be mastered only by persistent application. Through neglect their usefulness may quickly be lost. But constant, painstaking practice has its rewards. There is scarcely any greater satisfaction than that derived from doing our daily work well.

"Business English is, of course, of basic importance. It aims to teach the student to express himself simply, directly and forcefully in business writings. Without a knowledge of good usage, common errors in speech and writing would increase and our language would lose its clarity. The use of the "right word" is *necessary*. To be able to *say* what we *mean* it is essential that our *meaning* be clear. Whenever good words are put to a bad use, whether purposely or through ignorance, harm and confusion result.

"It is a privilege to teach at the R. B. I., and to note the progress made by the students through diligent application. Above all, it is gratifying to feel that the work of Christian missions is effectively being advanced by the training afforded by this school. May the Lord continue to bless it, and cause it to be a blessing."

Sincerely yours,

Gerrit I. Buist

EVENING SCHOOL STUDENTS

Evening Classes at The Reformed Bible Institute

For two evenings each week the parking lot at the Reformed Bible Institute is like the parking lot of a large shopping center. One can see row upon row of cars from all over Grand Rapids and vicinity. The cloak room is packed and the halls are crowded. Yes, it is a busy place, but a very happy one. Cheery greetings are exchanged as we slip from one class to another; everyone seems to be in the same spirit.

Everyone is there for the same purpose for we have spiritual larders that must be stocked regularly, and this is the center in which we can find just what we need.

We come with the assurance that our minds and hearts will be enriched in our evening classes, but we must hasten to get there on time or we may not have a choice seat. We may have to settle for a folding chair sandwiched in somewhere because seating room is really at a premium.

Of course, the Sunday School teachers are anxious to acquire the best preparation for their responsible assignment, and where can that be found any better than at the Reformed Bible Institute?

Christian doctrine is important to every progressive Christian, therefore, it is pursued here with diligence. The Bible, book by book study, not only strengthens faith, but leads to greater appreciation of the beauty and greatness of God's precious Word. Therefore, more and more, people make use of this golden opportunity at the evening school.

Then as our church reaches out with growing interest in the spread of the glorious Gospel, the doctrine of missions is of concentrated study. As the church moves forth like a mighty army, every enlisted solider wants the best training possible. Therefore, the school becomes a beehive of activity after the day's work is done, and many of God's children set aside an evening for training and inspiration to be of greater service for the Master who saves us and calls us to service.

As students of the evening school, we are grateful to have this grand opportunity, and feel indebted to the teachers who faithfully and unselfishly give of their time and energies to make this possible.

May God's richest blessings continue upon them and our school to the glory of His name and the coming of His Kingdom.

In His service,

MINER TANIS

On a diet, Marv?

Serious Business

Wash Day?

Senior Class

Roommates

Upper Neighbors

Suspension

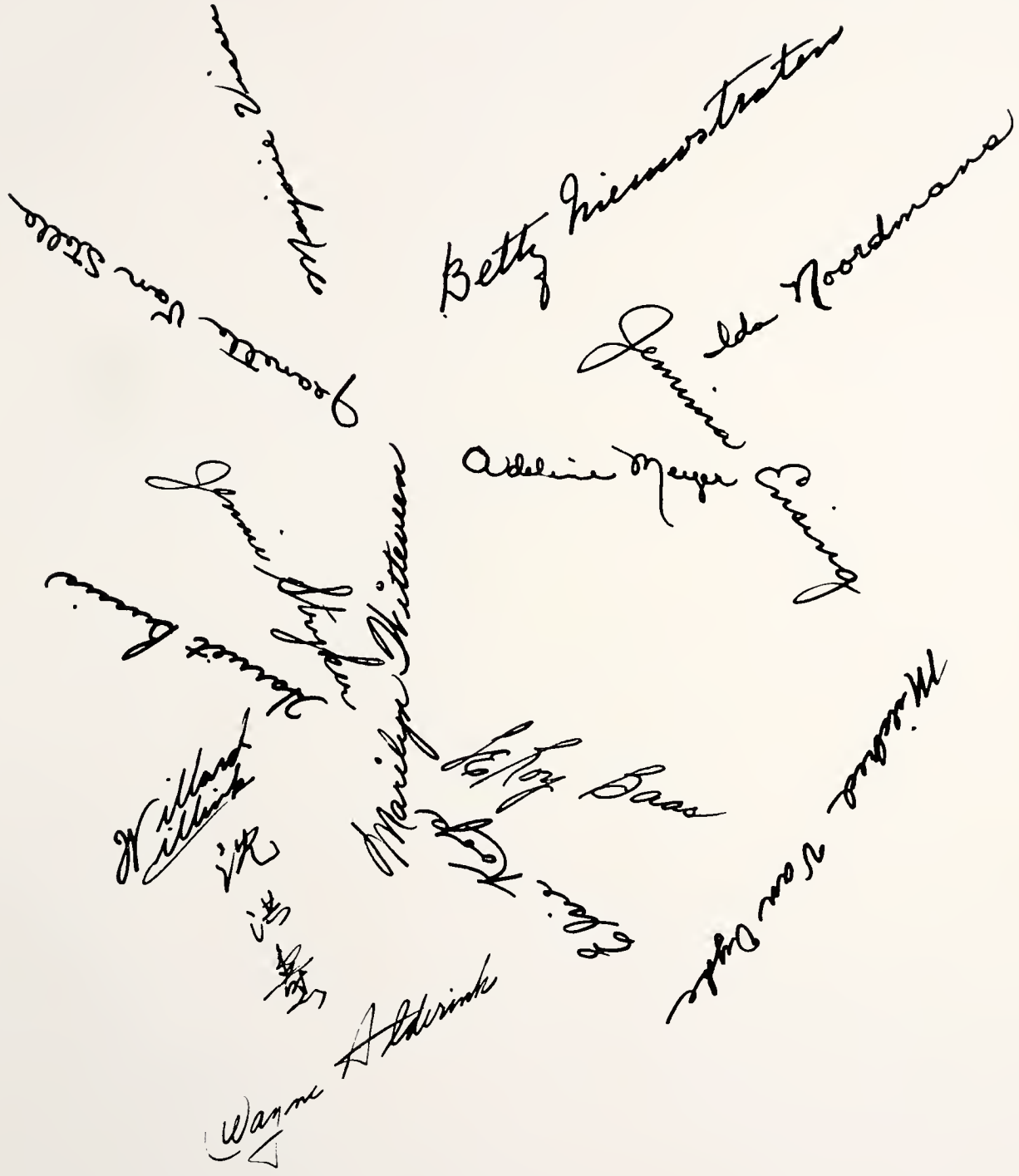
Lower Neighbors

Footnotes

Triad

THE ECHO GOES TO PRESS

Key Signatures



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